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Education

Transfer of elementary teachers in the taluk board schools of Malabar.

* 1745 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the report about the transfer of elementary teachers employed in the taluk boards of Malabar in 1927 and 1928 referred to in the answer to question No. 1311, answered on 1st February 1929; and

(b) if so, whether he will place it on the table of the House as promised?

A.—(a) & (b) The report [a] received is laid on the table although no such undertaking as that suggested in clause (b) was given.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know if the hon. Minister for Education has any information as to the number of transfers of teachers in elementary schools in 1928 owing to their misconduct?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"No detailed instructions have been given."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know with reference to the statement made by Government in Appendix I where it is stated that the Ponnani and Palghat taluks did not pay any travelling allowance, whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to recommend that travelling allowances might be granted to teachers when they are transferred not at their own request or for misconduct?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I will consider the suggestion."

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"Will the hon. Minister consider the question of placing these transfers before a committee of the board and not entirely leave it to the president?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"These are matters of discipline. It is impossible for a committee to act, so the presidents have got to act on their own responsibility."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Are teachers paid any travelling allowance when they are transferred from one place to another?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That is a matter entirely for the taluk board concerned."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will consider the desirability of issuing some orders restricting these transfers and to have some principles in regard to these transfers?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It is impossible to restrict the freedom of presidents of taluk boards. Then they will say that Government interfered in their work and so their work was not carried out properly."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I take it that Government have nothing to say if the taluk board gives or refuses travelling allowance?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"That is a matter for which I want notice."

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Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. Minister that if taluk board elementary school teachers are transferred without consulting the Deputy Inspector of Schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe that is the practice."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that neglect to offer pooja to taluk board members comes under misconduct ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That may be, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is prepared to issue instructions to taluk boards that they might make provision for the travelling allowance for teachers transferred ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, that is a matter for the taluk boards concerned."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is not possible for him to frame a set of rules governing the travelling allowances for the guidance of the presidents of taluk boards ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It will be impossible to do this, because conditions vary from district to district."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" Will the hon. Minister consider the question of issuing instructions in regard to what constitutes misconduct in teachers that can justify their transfers ? "

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter which will be considered."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" In answer to my friend's question, the hon. Minister said that conditions differ from district to district. May I know if he is aware of such distinctions ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The conditions are so many that it is impossible to enumerate."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know at least some of them, Sir ? "

Local Boards

Rural reconstruction work by district boards.

*1746 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of district boards which have inaugurated schemes of rural reconstruction work ;

(*b*) how much money each of them have allotted for carrying out these schemes ; and

(*c*) whether the Government are making any provision in the coming budget for helping such rural development work ?

A.—(*a*) No district board has so far inaugurated any regular scheme. Programmes are being called for.

(*b*) The Government have no information. A reference on the matter is going out to the presidents of district boards.

(*c*) The matter is not yet in a sufficiently advanced stage to justify budget provision.